

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Section 601, Effective Medication Guides of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997 (P.L. 104-180) Delegation of Authority**

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Public Health and Science, with authority to redelegate, as appropriate, all the authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Section 601, Effective Medication Guides of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997 (P.L. 104-180), as amended hereafter.

Functions vested in the Secretary under Section 601 of P.L. 104-180 are as follows: to request that relevant parties collaborate on the development and submission of an acceptable long-range action plan consistent with the goals of FDA Proposed Rule (60 FR, 44182, August 24, 1995); to review, accept, suggest modification or reject the plan within 30 days of submission; to confer with and assist private parties in the development of the plan; not later than January 1, 2001, to review the status of private sector initiatives in achieving the goals of the plan described in 60 FR, 44182, August 24, 1995; and to seek public comment on other initiatives that may be carried out to meet those goals. This delegation excludes the authority to submit reports to Congress.

This delegation is effective upon date of signature. In addition, I have affirmed and ratified any actions taken by the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Public Health and Science, or his subordinates which, in effect, involved the exercise of the authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of the delegation.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Office on (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

The following requests have been submitted for review since the last publication date on September 24, 1996.

Proposed Project

1. 1997 National Health Interview Survey, Basic Module—(0920-0214)—Revision—The annual National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is a basic source of general statistics on the health of the U.S. population. Due to the integration of health surveys in the Department of Health and Human Services, the NHIS also has become the sampling frame and first stage of data collection for other major surveys, including the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, the National Survey of Family Growth, and the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. By linking to the NHIS, the analysis potential of these surveys increases. The NHIS has long been used by government, university, and private researchers to evaluate both general health and specific issues, such as cancer, AIDS, and childhood immunizations. Journalists use its data to inform the general public. It will continue to be a leading source of data for the Congressionally-mandated "Health US" and related publications, as well as the single most important source of statistics to track progress toward the National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives, "Healthy People 2,000."

Because of survey integration and changes in the health and health care of the U.S. population, demands on the NHIS have changed and increased, leading to a major redesign which was tested and partially implemented in 1996. Improved information technology was included, especially computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). This clearance is for the first full year

of data collection using the redesigned NHIS data system. This data collection, planned for January–December 1997, will result in publication of new national estimates of health statistics and release of public use micro data files. The new data system is expected to be in the field for at least 10 years. The total cost to respondents is estimated at \$697,500.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)
Family	42,000	1	0.5
Sample adult	42,000	1	0.5
Sample child	18,000	1	0.25

The total annual burden is 46,500.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-605]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospital Provider of Extender Care Services (Swing-Beds) in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, 42 CFR 447.280; *Form No.:* HCFA-605; *Use:* This is a facility identification and screening form. It will be completed by a hospital that is requesting approval. It initiates the process of determining the hospital's